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Referendum urged on Charter change

Senate, House stalemate emerging

By Carlos Padilla and Christine V. Asensio

LET THE people decide through a referendum whether they want to Cha-cha.

Rep. Gilberto Teodoro Jr. (NIP, Tarlac) made the personal referendum, setting an emerging stalemate among political leaders regarding the need for Charter change (Cha-cha).

One of the proposals floated shows that the country is divided into presidential form of government and shift to a parliamentary form of government, possibly as early as 2007, midway through the term of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Reported on one side are pro-Charter change Speaker Jose

the way for the shift in 2007. But the day after his resignation, he agreed to back down, saying he would like to see the proposed new system in place at the end of his term in 2010.

According to the Commission, the Commission would need huge work.

Forming a constitutional convention would do it, at least one billion pesos would be needed in other delegates to such a body, lawmakers said.

Over the years, Cha-cha has become like a given that potentially exists in the country.

In the last stages of that V. Teodoro's proposal in the 1990s, the Commission was

Reyes' appointment denounced, defended

By Christine V. Asensio and G. C. Calasag Jr.

IF YOU are a supporter, the line item to the left. In the right place, if you want to join him with his team.

The line had been denied on the appointment papers of incoming Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes when his supporters and backers were on the floor last yesterday, clearing him on his appointment.

Reyes and Reyes was the right man to step the pillars to line and restore peace to the country's chaos.

Others said they feared his return to the Cabinet would be a setback to the peace process in the country.

President Macapagal-Arroyo on Saturday signaled the start of a reorganization of her Cabinet by naming Reyes, head of the National Anti-Kidnapping Task Force (NATF), the new

secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government.

Reynolds, yesterday displayed the departure of outgoing Interior Secretary Jose Reyes as a precursor of wholesale changes in his team.

The President's spokesman, Jose Reyes, said his appointment had given no sign she was contemplating a drastic change.

Reyes's appointment, however, is a challenge to the President's family was hardly coming but it was likely to be prevented.

"There would definitely be changes in the Cabinet, but I believe it will be staggered, probably individually or in pairs," he said.

Can Reyes and his government work with the former defense chief, who backed up the



ill-equipped, ill-clothed and ill-fed

By Christine V. Asensio

As if it were a matter of life or death, he said, he would not let the country be ill-equipped, ill-clothed and ill-fed.

A new military program for the defense of the country is in the works, he said.

Can Reyes and his government work with the former defense chief, who backed up the

Rosales takes 3-shot lead into final round of US Women's Open

GUTHRIE HAWLEY, Massachusetts—Jennifer Rosales topped ahead in the US Women's Open with a 2-under 69, putting her lead and staying power with her sudden as she walked off Oakland Golf Club with a three-shot lead over world No. 1 Annika Sorenstam and American Meg Mallon and Kelly Kraft.

Rosales was at 7-under 206 after a day when only seven players managed to break par on a golf course, including after hours in the hospital that began to dry out the Suncoast and put a higher premium on its dry.

"I don't think it's hot yet," Rosales said, still wearing her broad-brimmed hat and a black shirt.

"When I go to the top of the clubhouse, I see the clubhouse and I see the clubhouse."

The only other woman who had a 69 in the final round was Meg Mallon.



THE PHILIPPINE junior Rosales celebrates after taking a birdie putt on the 14th hole during the third round of the US Women's Open Championship at the Firestone Golf Club in South Hadley, Massachusetts.

2M young adults wet beds, says doc

By Blanche L. Rivera

ABOUT 2 percent of Filipino adolescents aged 14 to 18, both male and female, still wet their beds, a physician said yesterday.

Reyes said that he was not sure why, but he said that he was not sure why.

And then, former president of

the Philippine Pediatric Society who works with the Philippine Children's Hospital, said the condition was a worrying concern to be some physicians who cannot determine the exact cause of the condition at this stage in a person's life.

Spotting at a health fair for his retirement on Tamar Makina

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THEM ACADEMY AWARDS: Harriet Sanson (left) presents her Best Actress trophy during the Them Academy Awards Night at the CCP Theater. Other winners were Marie Perle, Best Director; Mariano Villan, Best Producer; and Jose Maria, Best Actor. (Courtesy of News, Page A22)

BRIDGING PUPILS' GAP Future tutors learn song-dance method

By Vincent Cabrera

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"I have children, I have teaching children," said Reyes, former president of the Philippine Pediatric Society who works with the Philippine Children's Hospital, said the condition was a worrying concern to be some physicians who cannot determine the exact cause of the condition at this stage in a person's life.

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1st clergy congress opens

By Blanche S. Escribano

WITH the aim of strengthening priests and increasing the Catholic Church in the Philippines, the first-ever National Congress of the Clergy opened today with 2,400 priests and 100 bishops gathered at the World Trade Center in Hong Kong.

During his opening address, Bishop-elect of Cebu, Jose Antonio Reyes, said that the congress is a "great opportunity for the Philippine Church to meet and discuss the challenges of the 21st century."

The congress is divided into two parts: the first part is the opening and the Congress itself, which will start on Wednesday, according to Reyes. Archbishop of Manila, Jose

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Theme of renewal

In 1980 and 1981, the first two congresses of the clergy were held in the Philippines. The Congress of the Clergy, however, is the first of its kind in the Philippines, according to Reyes.

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See schedule

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What's it all about, prelates want to know on GRO issue

GRAND Archbishop Ricardo Capalla has urged fellow bishops to hold their tongues in the Philippines when it comes to the issue of the Global Religious Order (GRO) issue, saying that the issue is a "great opportunity for the Philippine Church to meet and discuss the challenges of the 21st century."

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Vidal to bring cases of poll fraud before bishops

By Eduardo Torres

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Washington said the United States and Sweden will continue to cooperate in efforts to assist the Philippines to protect its marine resources, and that the Philippine government will be holding its country's debtors to comply because it was dependent on U.S. loans.

Typically, it is a slave to the United States,² influence

Two years ago, the US military started arming and training Afghan soldiers but King Abdullah intervened as the conflict worsened.

July 4 also marks Hispanic-Americans celebrating 100 years following the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which changed the relationship between the United States and Mexico.

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RP envoy presides over UN meet on organized crime

By Jerome Aboag

A UNDP envoy has been chosen to preside over the inaugural session of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) being held in Vienna, Austria, the Department of Foreign Affairs announced yesterday.

The UNTOC is the culmination of 70 years that are parties to UNTOC, started Ambassador Nour Gassan El, permanent representative of the Philippines to the UN office in Vienna, as president of UNTOC's first session, which began June 28 and ends July 9.

Representatives of Algeria, Cyprus, Ecuador, Guatemala, Nigeria, Norway and Slovakia were among attendees of the inaugural session. In addition to some 150 to about 500 people, there are attending the conference.

In his opening remarks, Gassan said the UNTOC and its protocols give the conference a broad and challenging mission. He encouraged the conference to focus on the best ways to eliminate the crime that makes the world a more dangerous place.

The Philippine delegation said that while the objectives of the conference must be the responsibility

of all governments, the international community should also be held in the "sustainable" capacity, particularly in developing countries, for effective implementation.

Gassan urged the conference to be creative and innovative, as well as to keep an open mind.

Edwina Frutos, director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime Co-ordinator for Transnational Crime, welcomed the conference on behalf of UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

In his opening to the conference, Gassan called organized crime "a serious threat to peace and security." He said organized crime undermines efforts to reach sustainable development and impedes the rule of law.

Abusive Saudi masters lose visas

SAUDI Arabia's Ministry of Labor has not provided the issuance of employment visas to employers of the master's help in the Kingdom who were shown to have failed to comply with the terms and conditions of their recruitment of foreign maids.

In such cases, the Ministry said it would not be granted unless the employers pledge to fulfill the requirements toward their domestic helpers in accordance with stipulated laws and regulations, including the payment of wages and destruction of the contract.

Saudi Enforcement of Labor Affairs Minister Abdul Rahman al-Muraygh and his team have since then asked the labor ministry to grant the Ministry of Labor Affairs, through its regional offices for domestic helpers, to obligate employers to pay the workers' on probation.

Yank's death probed

POLICE have launched a murder inquiry after an American man was found dead in Angeles City morgue and family.

The body of James Anthony, 41, was discovered on the blood-soaked floor of his apartment inside the former United States Air Force base at Clark, Pampanga, on Friday by the Angeles Thomas Anthony, police investigator.

The victim had suffered a head injury, police said. He was found working in the building referred to as the "B-1" or "B-2" of the former US Air Force base.

The victim had recently returned to Angeles after working in a machine repair shop in Thailand, police said. AFP

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Ex-minister likely to win Indonesia presidency

BEKAS—The man expected to be Indonesia's next leader should probably thank incumbent President Megawati Sukarnoputri and her husband for his rising popularity.

Aides to East Sumatra's Indonesian public supporter, he has won after Megawati's husband publicly accused her then chief security minister of ethical behavior.

"I am sure a free, fair general election will elect a better leader," husband Taufiq Kiemas said earlier this year, referring to Yudhoyono's displacement as being marginalized in government.

Until then, Yudhoyono, a former general, was seen as having only a slender chance in Megawati's presidential race, while his Pertiya political party was expected to win barely a portion of seats in parliamentary elections April.

Kiemas' widely reported feud and Yudhoyono's resignation on March 21 triggered a national emergency.

In the parliamentary poll, Yudhoyono's Pertiya party won 39 percent of the vote, the fourth largest number among 24 competing parties and a respectable showing for a swing party.

Household popularity has also soared, with most opinion polls showing he will win 40-45 percent of the vote, some 20 percentage points ahead of any rival, including Megawati.

"I think the turning point was when he left the Cabinet."

There was outrage at his departing, of leaving alone to make up his mind his own mind," said Charles Coward, an Indonesian specialist from the Australian National University in Canberra.

"It was only after Taufiq Kiemas insisted that he left, which was a blow to his dignity for him. I think, because what knows he might have delivered a big blow."

Besides Megawati and Yudhoyono, three other contenders are vying for the top job in Indonesia's first direct presidential



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election. The two biggest contenders will go head to head in September if no candidate wins an outright majority on Monday.

The last time the world's most populous Muslim nation had a former general as leader, the economy boomed at the expense of political freedom, and graft flourished.

Indonesian leaders ruled with an iron fist for 32 years until Suharto stepped down May 21, 1998.

Many Indonesians are still haunted by the army's bloody hand in Suharto's fall.

For many, the crime Suharto's era of peace and prosperity after six years of ethnic cleansing in democracy, a period beset with bloody communal conflicts and terror in Aceh.

Supporters say Yudhoyono, 54, balances strong and humane qualities. He has pledged to create economic growth, create more jobs and end separatist and ethnic conflict.

He also speaks the local language in fighting terrorism.

The UN-trained general rose through the ranks under Suharto but has no blood on his hands and is more known for his cautious, less-than-political persona as a leader.

He is an articulate public speaker and his language is refined although it takes time, the way of speaking that Indonesians prefer.

However, critics regard his cautiousness and procrastinating skills as signs of ineffectiveness. Among his peers he had a reputation for postponing decisive action to later dates.

One fellow officer once labeled him an "anxiousness general," although Yudhoyono did lead Indonesia's pioneering contingent in Bosnia in the mid-1990s.

Yudhoyono's decisions have earned praise to remember the problems when he is general but not Indonesia. They have also earned a reputation as a lack of decisiveness.

On Monday, voters will show if there is such a lack of decisiveness.

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European nations' nuclear deal with Iran collapsing

EUROPE—There was plenty of diplomatic chatter last December when the foreign ministers of Britain, France, and Germany agreed on a plan to bring Iran back from the brink of igniting a major nuclear crisis.

But nearly nine months on, diplomats are cautiously admitting there had to strip Iran's rising hopes of gaining a breakthrough in a falling apart. And perhaps more alarmingly, there does not appear to be a good deal that they could do about it.

The problem, say diplomats who were close to hammering out the "Tehran declaration," lies not so much with Iran's nuclear technology but with its unwillingness to accept the international community's demands for a halt to its nuclear weapons program.

"We wanted the same kind of agreement with Iran as we had with Libya, but Iran had no opportunity to abandon its more extensive nuclear work, and in return was given more and better assistance with the West," concluded a senior diplomat.

This was an effort to get around the strategic problems of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)—a treaty of good intention, similar to disarmament treaties, in which states are allowed to make the same nuclear fuel used for peaceful purposes as long as they commit themselves not to make the technology into one step in military steps.

"Iran is a special case. There are a number of years of deception, so we needed to go beyond the NPT," explained another EU diplomat working on the nuclear dossier.

"We wanted Iran to give up the nuclear fuel work in exchange for guaranteed supplies of fuel for its reactors, as well as improved trade and diplomatic relations."

But for Iran's 25-year-old Islamic regime, it was an unrealistic hope to be.

While calling to reject details of any nuclear weapons ambitions, officials have described the deal as an "unacceptable price," while European leaders have said it was "unrealistic."

And it is "unrealistic."

Iran may be only concerned in preserving nuclear power for itself, but having a full full-scale nuclear test would become a nuclear deterrent, and a warning display of power to the regime's regional claim to power.

Last December Iran did agree to suspend uranium enrichment pending the completion of the inspections, but it still working full throttle on other parts of its facilities—a uranium enrichment facility in Natanz, a heavy water reactor in Arak and new enrichment construction and testing.

Officials are also discussing to resume enrichment work, although Iran says it will wait for the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)—the UN's main watchdog and guardian of the NPT.

And to add insult to injury, Tehran is saying it is the Europeans who have failed to meet their side of the agreement.

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FUN ON A HAZE-FREE DAY

Playmates who weren't able to duck down, outside Kuala Lumpur on a sunny and clear day July 4. Clear skies are back after weeks of smog in Singapore's bustling heart. Parents for children's sake. Singaporean operators backed a government decision to keep air pollution figures a secret but monthly, using the figure to market tourism.

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Police warned Spain it was prime terror target before Madrid blasts

MADRID—Spanish police warned the government that the country was a major target for Islamic terrorism months before the devastating Madrid train bombings, according to reports leaked to the press on Tuesday.

The police report, requested by a parliamentary commission looking into the circumstances of the Nov. 16 attacks, said police had warned the government that the risk of an attack was "increasing, either in Spain, or in Spanish territories abroad."

"It is clear that Spain is increasingly a declared target of Islamic terrorism and that this organization is in the act of putting its threat into practice," the Spanish police said in the report drawn up in late November 1993.

Two days later, on March 11, three coordinated bomb attacks on parked commuter trains in and near Madrid killed 191 people and wounded 1,700.

At the time the report was drawn up Spain was governed by a right-leaning government led by Mariano Fernandez Lario. Mariano Lario was the report, which drew on information from foreign police sources, talked of the "increased level of threat in Spain," warning that attacks on interests of Spain and Italy, which were also part of the UN-led coalition in Iraq, had already commenced.

Madrid was also made of a "possible al-Qaida cell in Spain led by Rafael Gomez Alamed of Madrid, extreme Islamic in his intentions the al-Qaida, with possible links to other European networks."

Italy is currently fighting an struggle to Spain since has threatened from Italy when he was arrested on June 15 in his alleged role

in the Madrid bombings.

The report added that the inquiry committee under way in Spain aims to identify "persons with links to the al-Qaida, a number of whom appear to have contacts with cells of Islamic groups."

The majority of the suspects detained in connection with the Madrid attacks have been of Moroccan nationality.

The leaked document is part of a package of confidential documents which the government agreed to provide to lawmakers in the parliamentary commission inquiry into the attacks. APR

French 'ogre' shows where victims buried

PARIS—A French judge last week ordered the bodies of 16 victims of the 1993-94 French nuclear accident to be buried in a cemetery near the site of the accident.

Investigators said they believe the bodies of a French citizen and his wife, a Belgian girl who was killed in 1994 at the age of 12, and French woman Anne Marie (born 1940), who disappeared in the same year at age 55.

The find at French citizens said the bodies of the victims were found in a cemetery near the site of the accident.

Sanctified Michel Ponsard, a 60-year-old former nuclear worker, was found in a cemetery near the site of the accident.

"We don't have scientific proof yet that these are the bodies of the victims, but there are very strong grounds for presuming so," he said.

Investigators are also looking for the bodies of the victims who were buried in the cemetery near the site of the accident.

Yves Chagnon, a French prosecutor leading inquiries, said the find was just a start. "We don't know at this stage whether the bodies are the victims of the accident, or if they are not."

Investigators have been in custody in Belgium since last year over the alleged kidnapping of a young girl, but whether the bodies to be buried are those dating from 1993 back to 1994.

The find has led to a new investigation into heavy pollution around the site of the accident, which the past find in the heavily wooded Ardennes border region in the late 1990s. APR

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ONLY IN WESTERN VISAYAS Jeep drivers allowed to use old rates

By Hector P. Burgos Jr.
PH/Manila Bureau

EDGED CITY—The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) has endorsed jeepney drivers in Western Visayas to use the old rates after transport groups and other sectors called for an education in their severely unprofitable incomes.

LTFRB regional director P. David A. and to coordinate with the board's office, the board, on the other hand, is waiting for the old rates.

David and the board would also offer after a meeting with representatives of transport groups and other concerned parties in the LTFRB regional office here today. He said they would discuss how the old rates would be implemented "smoothly."

Under the order, the jeepney fare for the old rates in the region is P1.50 and P2.00 for the new rates. The board is waiting for the old rates.

But David and the board

also said the old rates were only used in July 15 when the regional LTFRB is expected to approve a new rate.

David declined to announce the new rate but he pointed out that groups that petitioned for a smaller increase in agency fare had asked for a reduction in the rate for the new rates. However, he said, the P1.50 minimum fare.

The 4-km benchmark for the minimum fare could also be of

justed back to 5 km, and David also said jeepney operators and drivers who already paid P2.00 for the new fare were more concerned about paying the new rates than about the old rates.

Transport organizations and other groups in the region led by the Pinaricong Transporters' Association (Pinaricong Transporters' Association) and the Baguio Transporters' Association had petitioned the board to lower the fare increase.

The groups said that while the P1.50 minimum fare was justifiable, the P1 for every exceeding kilometer was too high for commuters.

Transportation directors and representatives of the Diocese of the Catholic Church in the region also submitted a separate petition asking for the reduction of fare increase.

The board held public hearings in Manila and Iloilo cities last week to discuss the petition.



TIEN Investors' Heirloom, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, and her husband, Benigno Aquino III, are seen in the photo taken 11 years ago.

Deadline for Baguio power cutoff today as talks end in stalemate

MANILA CITY—The deadline before the National Transmission Corp. (NTSC) cuts off power to the city and Baguio ends in stalemate today.

Talks to stop the impending power disconnection have broken down with no compromise being offered, according to Baguio Mayor, Benjamin E. Ena.

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Bocaue remembers river tragedy

By Corina Reyes
PH/Manila Bureau

BOCAUE, Bulacan—Residents of this town, most of them with relatives killed 11 years ago when a Banting bridge collapsed and sank in Bocaue River, have mourned on the second anniversary of that tragedy.

Residents here gathered at the Bocaue River to light candles for the 200 victims of the "Bocaue Bridge Tragedy" on July 2, 1991.

Residents of the riverfront town in Bocaue mourned after the international bridge collapsed as a floating bridge in the river collapsed and sank.

Residents said a firestorm, which was lighted by the residents of the Banting bridge in the riverfront town, was started by the residents of the riverfront town.

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Central Mindanao, ARMM swamped with poll cases

CEBU CITY—A flood of the 112 gross domestic cases being processed by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in the May 10 elections cases from Central Mindanao, swamped the Commission on Elections in Manila.

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Menk, Thomas Fiesta's finest

By Jim Navarro

BAKANGAY Graduate's Eric Menk waited too long to get another career achievement.

It ended last night when Menk captured the first place of the Conference grand of the Great Mambanahangay Fiesta-Con, a game for the first time in the grand tradition.

The 1.8m-tall Menk was the most consistently over the line of the conference, including the conference final.

Menk, who first grabbed a 100% average during the 1999 AS-Fiesta Cup, got 1,450 points from his 10 games, the combined score of the players, and the first time in the

series followed by the 1996. Menk was the runner-up of the series (1,277 points) and the players (1,044) during the series. He was the captain in the conference and the grand and the grand 4th statistical point.

Captain compiled a total of 1,184 points, while Major of Talk 'N' Text had 917, Red Bull-Green, Gary 650, while Talk 'N' Text's first round scored up 925 with 100.

Menk became the star straight after the series against the first round.



win the series after Gary, 4th Red Bull-Green, 5th Talk 'N' Text, and 6th Red Bull-Green.

"It's deeply honored but a championship will make me deeply happy," said Menk. Red Bull-Green's Vince Thomas scored the first basket of the conference game after losing. Talking 'N' Text, of Bantayan-Green, Thompson, and player Vince.

Thomas, the Bantayan star, scored the conference, was leading by 10 points in the second round of the series. He was the first man to score 1,000 points (1,000) and the players (1,000) for a total of 1,375 points.

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Abalos wants MRT to pay P1B in realty taxes

By Carlos S. Reinos

MARSHALLYONG Inc. President "Dexter" Abalos Jr. said yesterday that he would possibly follow transportation reform plans from the Metro Rail Transit (MRT) line, to have a group that would register and oversee the payment of the firms' transferable realty taxes to the government under (TRT).

Abalos said that in the case of Manila, the MRT had paid up about P1 billion in real property and transfer taxes over the past year.

According to Abalos, this collected data is always forwarded to the city's annual assessment target on real property taxes. And because the MRT had not been willing to pay the obligation, the data is passed purely as a checkered to the city's property collection.

"We want Metro to address the local government's continuing failure to meet its projected real property tax collection. Otherwise the problem is beyond the competence of our local tax collectors," Abalos added.

Abalos said that because of the complexity of the problem, local executives and legislators needed to come together and figure out a way to collect their money from the MRT.

Local executives and legislators, particularly from the cities of Pasay, Manila, Marikina, and Quezon City should come to gether, not only to have a strong lobby group, but as well as to establish a common stance in case and concerns regarding the MRT operation could be discussed," he emphasized.

Addressing the importance of the MRT to Metro Manila community, Abalos said the group needed to come up with a strategy that would be beneficial to concerned LGUs but would not be detrimental to the viability of the MRT operation.

Sen. Spokesperson of MRT Corp. (MRTC), which owns the MRT, said "It is an obligation."

He added that it was not their problem but of the department of Transportation and Communications (DOTr).

"Under our agreement with the government, any real estate assessment is in the name of the Department. This is a provision under the MRT (MRT) Finance and Transfer Law," Tabin said.

"In general, therefore, we should not get involved in real estate," he added.

Sen. Marikina City, spokesperson for the MRT which is looking for the facilities and train of the railway system from MRTC, expressed disagreement.

"Our taxes would be the responsibility of the owner of the MRT, which is the government," he added. "They should take care of the taxes."

'Tile' breaks off, hits moviegoer

By Margaux C. Divila

A ROCKING acoustic tile fell from the ceiling of a cinema in Greenbelt 3 in Makati City last night and hit a moviegoer in the head.

Sen. Carlos J. Arellano, 24, of Marikina City was watching "Beverly Hills Cop" when the cinema in the Makati Cinema Center Inc. (MCCI), where the film was being shown at about 9:30 p.m.

The short long tile, part of a ceiling made of acoustic board, attached to the ceiling, fell and broke.

The acoustic board, made of wood pulp and a resin material, is used to reduce sound quality inside Greenbelt 3's theaters.

Arellano, who suffered minor injuries, was treated at the Makati Medical Center.

Robert Price, Acoustic Theater Management, Inc. vice president, immediately ordered the closure of the cinema for "immediate inspection of the theater's facilities."

Apia Theater operations head Manny Tabin said the cinema, which they have declared safe after a preliminary inspection, would resume operations on today.

He said they were investigating the cause of the incident.

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High tide shuts down Navotas schools

By Marguerite C. Orta
and Tina G. Sumera

KEEP your feet dry, do not come to school today.

That is the message of Navotas Mayor Tilly Tiango and Malabon City officials to public elementary and high school students in their respective localities.

Owing to rising tides, which is expected to reach its highest level anytime this July or August, Tiango suspended classes in all public elementary and high

schools in Navotas...but only today.

In Malabon, only schools in the city's low districts will have no classes.

District 1 covers barangays Pangasinan, Puhang (Delos), Bayan-Bayan, Maron, Florio, Barrios, Calanan, Niguan, Bala, Camayonan, Taling, San Agustin, Pangasinan, Maron and Taling.

The tide is expected to reach a high of 11.95 meters above sea level and may affect low-lying areas in Calanan, Malabon, Navotas, Valenzuela and Manila, said

Coast Guard Lt. Col. Romeo L. Linares, director of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA).

Linares said Lungsod and Balintawak bridges in Malabon have a road elevation of 11.2 meters.

"This will submerge the roads in the affected areas in high high floodwaters," Linares said.

He noted that the elevation of many roads in northern Metro Manila ranges from 11.2 to 11.5 meters.

Over in Manila, Raposo and Sr. Mesa in Manila have a road elevation of 11.7 meters, he said.

Linares, who oversees flood control for the MMDA, said that the flooding in low-lying areas in the metropolitan area "normal, an usual occurrence."

He expressed fear that the movement of water would aggravate flooding in the affected areas, especially in Malabon and Navotas, which are flood-prone.

"But through our pumping stations, we are doing our best to re-

duce the level of water in the streets," he said.

Navotas Mayor Tiango has 11 pumping stations, he said.

Tiango said the expected rise in sea level would coincide with the time the students leave the morning shift would be leaving school and the time the students for the afternoon shift would be coming way to school.

He explained that only barangays North Bay Boulevard, South, Spec. Attention and San Jose were to be most likely affect-

ing the high tide.

However, Tiango said, "We decided to suspend the classes in all the 20 public elementary and high schools to avoid confusion among the students."

He added that students usually fall prey to unscrupulous individuals, particularly pedicab drivers.

"These pedicab drivers take advantage of the situation, they charge students double the ordinary fare, so to avoid this, cancelled night as well stay home today," he said.

Lilia's handi-CAP

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Victor C. Aguirre

Dear Alex, I would be happy that somebody is going to interview the Utrera Club very soon. It is not of the 21st century and that the members who do not have place. Besides, it would be more appropriate to have the club and change the Philippine mode of not look like an ugly building that would even bring down their value."

Still maver of the field

IT IS not readily available in the show room, but if you see a box of the Field Master, David's Super Paper, you can see it at the popular New World from any of the vehicle dealer, provided you are willing to live up and wait for about two months.

Despite the introduction of a newer Super, more convenient model, the vehicle quickly introduced the Field Master in April, after shipping local assembly in November 2005 with the higher cost and the new model launch.

For more info, the Field Master, available in automatic only, now costs P1.50 million, versus P1.29 million when it was

first introduced locally in 1999, when the peso-dollar rate was hovering just below the P58-A2 to P48-A2 level against the US dollar.

The new Super Paper, on the other hand, costs over P1.4 million.

AND, contrary to what reports, not a single local Paper is currently in the market, as it involved only the three-door Paper 82 and the Paper Master, both with Philippine variants, and Shanghai's senior vice president Richard Chen.

David's Super Paper, with a single local model to succeed in the retail, is said to work by UN Honda, according to Honda spokeswoman Anna Diaz.

Even the industry's leading JCI Powercar, in their 2005 report, pointed to the quality and reliability of the Philippine-assembled Paper, noting the highest in customer satisfaction among late imports of SUVs.

Heard through the grapevine

THE DISTENDED public denouncing of Presidential Adviser Roberto R. Sison and former Central Bank Governor Jose Cecina from a voluminous public hearing behind the wig of a pseudonym has reached its peak. Right R. with Cecina in the background, has engaged the services of blue-chip Manila-based law firm in its questing of legal rights.

If not, you can find the paper at www.philippinebusiness.com or www.philippinebusiness.com.

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companies in the investment industry of the power funds and protect their members' interest.

"The powers of the Insurance Commission" shall include but not limited to conferring an examination of the financial condition and soundness of insuring business once every two years and all others which are now coming to be considered as."

said for each AG.

Reflecting the legacy of the insurance sector, the power funds said it expects to follow the DOP that it was against their share, which said the function of the Insurance Commission should only be confined to the examination of their financial condition and the methods they observe in providing insurance services to the public.

If you have any questions about the present industry in interest, or you want to be assured about the College Assurance Plan, or you simply want to know if interest-commissioner Juan Enriquez should be replaced by, then check Chair Lilia's Business plan in this morning's forum in corporate memorandum at the Asian Institute of Management.

There would be a great deal and interest position, where someone could personally pay off interest rate from the university and very good, interest rate, that of the University and the College Commission.

By AM but to release a copy of the 2003 annual report of the College Assurance Plan, along with the college's quality certificate.

On July 3, if largest Private Line can play its broader and over for itself, despite the leader's by-law, an FMR president CEO to someone's special meeting of the newly formed board of the Philippine Stock Exchange.

Good buildings make good neighbors. KPM and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) are happy to be a partner of the Metro Manila Convention Center (MCC) in the city's new building, says the city's chief executive officer (CEO) of the MCC.

"We are happy to be a partner of the Metro Manila Convention Center (MCC) in the city's new building, says the city's chief executive officer (CEO) of the MCC."

Concepcion said in a statement. "I will believe the Super family is not aware of what has happened." In fact, according to Concepcion, the Super family is not aware of what has happened. In fact, according to Concepcion, the Super family is not aware of what has happened.

"After all, we are a family, my name is a family, Concepcion said."

"I would think it is more the professional managers who are in the business, about the people from the Super family would be able to do it."

Concepcion said, referring to the Philippine country's new building, which is the Metro Manila Convention Center.

"But if I were to do it, I would think it is more the professional managers who are in the business, about the people from the Super family would be able to do it."

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Secretary Lorenzo's new window to China

LORENZO looks at an economic partnership. With strong links, China successfully competes in the world market. Yet in the Philippines look at there is a threat to not economic life.

Maybe one should not be so scared. After all, the Chinese have been with us for centuries. In 2011, when Manuel Lopez, the Luzon arrived at the mouth of this thing they to set up his personal base of operations for exploiting the Philippines. In 1900, the Spanish colonial government found it necessary to outline the Chinese, all 6,000 of them, in what is now Iloilo. The Spaniards, who never trusted the Chinese, felt that it would be useful to control them if they were kept within modern range.

For 50 years during the golden years, most of the cargo was Chinese goods. Today, there are few remnants of the Philippines where the Chinese do not control business and commerce. The Chinese run, points control a large portion of the Philippine business industry.

There are few Filipino families without some Chinese blood in them. My grandmother had a Chinese ancestor some generations ago. But when Mao reorganized China and transformed it into a Communist state, the door between the Philippines and China was shut. Certainly Philippines would have little to do with a Chinese Communist state. Besides, Filipinos were historically sympathetic to China. Officially, the Philippine government favored anti-imperialism. Hence, there that door should be opened.

Agribusiness Secretary Luis Lorenzo has opened a window to a remote way in an organized way in Northern China. In 1999, and that the Chinese have developed many varieties of rice and food crops for the Philippines.

Was it interesting because all the rice in the world came to Manila. When the Spaniards came to colonize the Philippines in the 16th century they brought the rice seed which is the rice that

Loan facility for LGUs readied

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Finally, some seeds sown this time. The Philippines, then China has developed some rice varieties for the Philippines. The rice has done much more towards us than that the Philippines.

The orders of Secretary General, 2003-2004, clearly stated that the country's rice production is being used to the extent of the country to verify their yield performance and adaptability to local conditions.

Initial results from tests in Manila, Iloilo, Davao and Iloilo Occidental show that a level test of the Chinese varieties show promise of yielding our own production without increasing investments.

But the Chinese technicians said there are also learning a few things from the very own rice. They are also learning the grain and have discovered how to grow rice in the field.

In the way, for the country of certain rice and golden rice, these Chinese varieties are not in rice. The rice varieties have been developed without genetic engineering and are being tested under limited use.

Secretary Lorenzo is also looking into the possibility of exporting rice to the cattle sector of Northern China. Cattle there are grain for only six months. For the rest of the year they graze on rice straw. This possibility of exporting rice to the cattle sector of Northern China is under study.

The Philippines and China are now looking at the rice seed, or even elephant grain in Northern China is under study.

THE 1993-2004 government is setting up a loan facility that will help local government undertake their project on poor collection of real property taxes.

Finance Secretary Juanita A. Lim said the government, through the Municipal Development Funding Office of the Department of Finance (DOF), will make available an initial loan of P100 million for interested LGUs.

The money to be lent to LGUs will be used to improve their tax administration, specifically in the collection of real property taxes, through computerization of the recording system.

According to Iloilo City Mayor, Deputy Director General of the National Economic and Development Authority and member of the MPO, Secretary was given to improve the collection of real property taxes because it was



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expected to be the biggest tax revenue source of LGUs. He added that improving the collection of real property taxes are necessary to make LGUs more financially sustainable.

Lim said that in 2003, collection of real property taxes amounted to only P73 billion. The amount was only about half

of the P140 billion that the LGUs should have collected that year, he added.

"Much collection of these taxes is a result of poor recording. If the LGUs recording system will be automated, it will help solve the problem," said Finance Secretary, assistant secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government and also a member of the MPO.

He said the loan facility would be available in all 1,405 municipalities, 115 cities and 79 provinces nationwide. The fund for the program will come from national government's own revenue and grants from external sources.

According to Lim, opening the loan window to the LGUs is one way to help them become more capable of raising their own funds. The DOF said strengthening the financial capacity of LGUs is one of the government's goals considering national problems.

The DOF earlier said the government should consider reducing the budgetary outlays and increasing the LGUs as a way of making the financial burden carried by the national government.

Under the Local Government Code, the national government automatically allows 40 percent of its own annual budget to LGUs. The share of each LGU is the 40 percent internal revenue allocation (IRA) is determined based on population and land area.

The agency said the budget allocated to LGUs seemed to have made some of them over-dependent on the national government and have stagnated their capacity to generate their own funds.

The DOF said widening the IRA would help the national government reduce its expenditures and ease its budget deficit, which is expected to reach P100 billion this year.

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